

Carstarphen

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Jarvey P. 73 Canstarphen  
Southampton Jno. 1799 W.

Tappayes 1782-1787 Jas. Canstarphen  
(1782) Coll. Slaves &  
Southampton

Isle of W. Marriages Wm. Pgs. 91, 98  
Canstarphen  
(May 21) Wm. Canstarphen - Katherine Binn  
1786)  
(April 12) " " Ann Archer  
1794)

Canstarphen, Perkins & Eliza Saunders  
May 24, 1773 Unity Henry Saunders

Canstarphen, Perkins & Betty Saunders  
Dan Robt. Saunders  
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Canstarphen John & Mrs. Martha  
Saunders R. of Henry Saunders  
1773 W.B. 8 P. 278

Southampton County W & A.

Canstarphen, John. Esq.  
my estate to be equally  
divided between my wife  
Margaret, son John, David &  
Margaret Canstarphen  
Es. wife Margaret, Archer Bawling



Mica Griffin

D. Nov. 26 1799 R.R. Dec. 16, 1799

Wit Jacob Lunning. John Worsell, Jr.  
John Worsell Page 161 W.B. 5

Griffin Benj. Leg son John  
land adjoining Henry Doyle +  
John Constantine. D 1781 R. 1781

Worsell Acct. Current

Pd. John Constantine garden  
for Mark Worsell

Sally Constanaphen W. 1847  
Sale of Wright County  
(Maiden Name Wells?)

Blanche file Nancy <sup>1819</sup> ~~Truman~~ = Constanaphen  
Daughter Margaret died unmarried  
Son Richard married widow  
at home 1870 to 1873

(Who did he marry)

(Where he died & children)

Son Thomas W. married  
Eliza Atkins 1849

(Where he died & children)

Daughter Mary J. Dicker  
married Jacob W. Dicker  
on June 27, 1846.



85 Morris Ave  
New York City, N.Y.  
Aug 16, 1958

Dear Mrs Chapman

Several months ago I wrote enquiring if you would be able to help me in tracing my family history. With the information I sent, will you be able to help me? I certainly hope so. I have heard that you sprained your ankle, I hope you can get around on it now. Miss Jordan I believe also gave you a letter which I <sup>sent</sup> ~~wrote~~ to St. Luke's Church.

Thank you again for any help which you may be able to give me.

Sincerely

(Mrs) Virginia H. Lane

85 Morris Ave  
Neptune City, N.J.  
Oct 2, 1958

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

About a month and a half ago I wrote you concerning some information which I was seeking about a Carstarphen family in Isle of Wight County. The way I explained what I knew, I doubt if you could understand it. I don't wish to seem impatient, but with the information I sent you, will you be able to help me? I have learned that Richard Carstarphen was a Confederate soldier, joining up at Norfolk, Va. in the year 1862 and I guess was still in the service in Oct. 1864. His middle initial was also W. the same as his brother's. Perhaps this little bit of information may also help you.

I am most anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely  
(Mrs) Virginia H. Lane



85 Morris Ave  
Newtown City, N.J.  
Aug. 23, 1958

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

I'm just starting to try and trace my family history. I will tell you what I know and then perhaps you can tell me if you will be able to help me and how much it will cost me before you start work on it.

The Clerk of the Court of Isle of Wight County found for me a copy of a will of Sally Carstarphen, who I believe was my great, great grandmother. It was made on Jan. 5, 1847 and probated Nov. 1, 1847. They could find no other record of her, as Sally doesn't seem to have been a given name but a nickname. I don't know her maiden name, but I seem to think it could have been Wells. I would like to know who she was, also who her husband was, and where they lived in Isle of Wight County.

In her will she mentioned a daughter  
Margaret, the clerk has a record of her dying unmarried.  
A son Richard, whom she left board and tuition,  
which seems as if he were in a school. The clerk  
has no other record of him, but it is known he was  
married and his widow lived at the family  
home around 1870 & 1873. I would like to know  
who he married, if he had children, and when he  
died. Sally also had a son Thomas W. to whom  
she left her real and personal property. The  
clerk has a record of his marriage in 1849 to  
an Elizabeth Atkins, but no record of any property  
in the county. She suggested it could have  
been property that Sally Carstarphen owned  
under her maiden name, being given to her by  
her parents. I would like to know when he  
died and if he had children. She mentioned  
a daughter Mary J. Decker who was my  
great grandmother. The clerk sent me a record  
of her marriage to a Jacob L. Decker on June 27  
1846. They were married by an Isaac Luke.



Jacob Decker came from Staten Island and according to stories told was overseer of some land and married the land owner's daughter, but I'm not sure of this. There were three children of this marriage a Thomas Wells Carstarphen Decker born I believe in March 1849, my grandfather a William Decker, and a Josephine Decker. Mary J. Decker died during a yellow fever epidemic, I believe around 1853 to 1856. I would like to know where and when she died, where she was buried, also when she was born. After her death the children came North to live, but I don't know how soon after it. In the marriage record of Mary J. Carstarphen her name was spelled Corstarphen but I believe Carstarphen is correct.

The reason I believe Sally Carstarphen's maiden name may have been Wells is, the son she mentioned was Thomas W, my grandfather was Thomas Wells Carstarphen Decker, and I have Wells in my name, my grandfather named

me for the state of Virginia and the Wells  
a family name. I thought perhaps the land  
was under the name of Wells and perhaps a  
burial plot also under that name.

My mother remembers her father saying one of  
their friends was a Mrs. Chicker, perhaps this  
name may suggest where in the County they lived.  
Also if there are records of where Isaac Luke lived,  
that may help to find where these people lived.  
My grandfather had often mentioned being taken  
to a fair, by one of the Negro help. I think it  
could have been around Smithfield.

I have never heard the name Carstarphen  
before, but in an old genealogy book in our  
library I found it, but the people were from  
North Carolina, perhaps it is the same family.  
A lady from St Luke's Association wrote me and  
gave me the name Corstaphney in Richmond.  
These people came from Windsor Isle, Wight  
County and Mrs Corstaphney stated she had seen  
the name spelled and bore it, perhaps someone  
along the line just changed the spelling a little.



I would like to see how far back in the family I could go, perhaps to the first persons that settled in America.

I realize this is a rather rambled way to explain what I know to you but I can't think of any other way of doing it. I'm just trying to put some of the pieces together I have.

Thank you for any information you may be able to send me. I certainly hope with the information, you will be able to help me. My curiosity about this branch of my family is very great.

Sincerely  
Virginia H. Lane

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*





85 Marine Ave  
Neptune City, N J  
Jan 13, 1958

Dear Mrs Chapman,

I have been wondering if you are having any success in looking up my family for me. Have you found out where they live? Also did you find out what the W in both men's name stands for, is it Wells? Have you used up the ten dollars yet?

I sure hope you have just a little bit of news for me soon.

Sincerely  
Virginia H Lane

85 Morris Ave  
New York City, N.Y.  
Apr. 7, 1959

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

I am wondering how you are progressing with my ancestors. Have you been able to find anything about them at all? There is a book about the Carstarphens in America. I have read it, but could find no names in it that I recognized. In fact I didn't find any of the names you sent me. I doubt if the book is too accurate. The people in it came from Southampton County, Virginia and from different places in North Carolina.

Have you used up the ten dollars yet? If you have let me know, so I can send you more money for your work.

Sincerely  
Virginia H. Lane

P.S. I notice the spelling of the names you sent



we are a little different, could it still be all  
from the same family only different spellings,

J.H.L.

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BACK SIDE

- REVERSE -

85 Morris Ave  
Neptune City, N.J.  
Aug. 29, 1959

Dear Mrs. Chapman.

I am indeed sorry to hear you have not been well. I hope everything goes all right for the remainder of your pregnancy. After all your trouble I hope you get either the little boy or girl that you wish most for.

I have done very little on my history. My son started college as a freshman this Sept. and frankly I am afraid to spend any extra money on my history. So far his expenses have been quite heavy. I feel as if it would be best for me to wait awhile longer and see just what his needs will be. When I feel as though I can spare a little money, I will let you know. Thank you for writing me.

Best of luck with your coming baby

Sincerely

Virginia H Lane



85 Morris Ave  
New York City, N. Y.  
June 3, 1959

Dear Mrs Chapman,

It has been quite some time since I heard from you. I am wondering if you have gotten any further in looking up my history. Have you been able to connect the names you sent me with those that I know? Have you found out what Sally Carstarphen's maiden name was, who her husband was, and where they lived.

In the next week I am to see a cousin who is also interested in our history and I would love to be able to tell him something more about it. I do hope you have some news for me.

I believe you had two more hours of work until the ten dollars was used up.

Do you wish me to send you more money now? I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely  
Virginia A Lane

85 Morris Ave  
Neptune City, N.J.  
Oct. 6, 1960

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

I haven't given up trying to trace my family, but I still don't have much money for it.

I do hope last January you received your little girl or boy and that it is in perfect health. I hope you are feeling much better.

I imagine that you sent my name to a Mrs. Know of Pine Bluff, Ark. I got her book on the marriages of Southampton County. In the book, it stated, I believe your mother-in-law, had a book which she sold on the Wells of Southampton County. Do you still have such a book, and how much is it?

I have gained some information on the family from clerk, etc. I will state what more I know and perhaps you can continue further with it, ten dollars worth at a time. Do you also have a book of marriages and will of Isle of Wight County?



My great-grandfather Jacob S. Decker married  
Mary J. Carstarphen on June 26, 1846, by a Joel Whitley,  
Isle of Wight.

Mary Carstarphen's mother was Sarah or Sally  
W. Mountford, or Mountforte, I have seen both  
spellings. Her father was David Carstarphen,  
Sally & David married in Southampton County  
June 2, 1817, bondsman Benj. Sheffer.

David Carstarphen's father was John Carstarphen  
and his mother may have been Peggy or Margaret  
Sheffer. I believe John married twice. John & Peggy  
married Mar. 18, 1794 with Mecajah Sheffer  
bondsman.

John Carstarphen's will probated in Southampton  
County in 1799. In it he mentions sons David,  
John, and Margaret, and wife Margaret.

You sent me a record of John Carstarphen  
being married to relict of Henry Saunders, a  
Mrs Martha Saunders, this mentioned in a  
will recorded Jan 6, 1774, but married about  
1773, I believe Isle of Wight. I wonder if

this is same John as father and son. Can you find out?

It is believed David's mother Peggy married a Jacob Turner after death of his father, this marriage in Southampton County Sept 14, 1801.

Sarah W. Mountford may have been the daughter of a Thomas or Wade Mountford. I have a record of a will of a Thomas Mountford in which he mentions, sons Thomas, Wade, and daughter Frances, and wife Sarah, with a brother Wade as administrator, This was probated in Southampton County 1787. I doubt if the wife Sarah would be the same one to many David, as she would be too old.

The land Sarah Carstaphen mentioned in her will, probated 1847 in Isle of Wight was at the Black River in an area called Broad Water. Where is that on a map of today, near Smithfield. She mentioned a son Thomas W. who married Elizabeth Atkins in Mar. 1849, by Joel Whitley. In 1850 Census, he is mentioned with his wife. In 1860 Census she is living



with her father Moses Atkinson with a daughter  
8 years old, whose initials are M. J. ? Castanphen.  
Thomas must have died between 1850 & 1860  
Census, no doubt he died as Mary J. Pecker did  
during yellow fever epidemic. A son Richard W.  
was mentioned in Sarah's will, he joined army  
at Norfolk in 1862, he was last paid Apr. 30. 1864.  
Confederate Army, then she mentioned a daughter  
Margaret.

In the Richmond Library several records of  
lands transactions between David Castanphen  
and his wife Sarah, named also spelled Castanpheny.  
~~more land records in Lees, Wright.~~  
In marriage book John Castanphen was a  
son and named spelled John Carr. Staffney.  
In marriage book a Thomas Mountfort, Jr. had  
two daughters one Sally, one Peggy married in 1808.  
I doubt if he would have another daughter Sally  
Mary in 1817. It would seem as if the Sarah  
I'm looking for was a daughter of Wade, could  
you find this out perhaps by a will. You  
suggested the Historical Society may have  
church records, etc, now that I have a  
little more information, do you think I could  
be helped by them?

I think I told you I have a copy of the book called Carstarphen in America. This book states three brothers and their father came from Scotland after 1746. One of the boys settled in Southampton County, his name was John. Others went to North Carolina. Although I have no names that are like those in the book, I wonder if it could be same person. Book also state later a Wm. Henry Carstarphen came here with his parents, no names mentioned, married an Elizabeth - . They were supposed to have five sons, nothing mentioned about two of them. As Carstarphen is such an odd name, I imagine somehow, these people were all related, don't you.

I hope you can understand this. If you are still selling the book Wells of Southampton County. I would like to buy one.

Thanks again for your help.

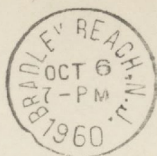
Sincerely

Virginia H Lane.

P.S. Is your fee still \$2.00 an hour.







Mrs. Jeanette H Chapman  
Smithfield  
Virginia

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- FRONT -



Mrs. J. H. Lane  
85 Morris Ave  
Naptune City  
N.J.

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BACK SIDE

- REVERSE -

85 Morris Ave.  
Neptune City, N.J.  
~~March~~, 1961  
*May 31*

Dear Mrs. Chapman,

Enclosed is a money order for twenty dollars. Please send me the books on Southampton County Wills, Book I, and Isle of Wight Wills, Book I. I also would like the others, but I can't get them just now, but I will want them.

I have the book on Marriages of Southampton from Mrs. Knorr. I thought you had given her my name, through her I learned of the books you have on Southampton.

In my earlier letter, I had explained that I have gotten more information on the Carstarphen family and thought this might help you some in looking it up. I will explain what I now know, then tell what I know of the Mountfort name. I can't remember all I have told you so if I repeat, please forgive me.

My great-grandmother was Mary J. Carstarphen who married Jacob G. Decker on June 28, 1846 by a Joel Whitley, married in Isle of Wight.

Mary Carstarphen Decker's mother was Sarah W. Mountford and her father was David Carstarphen. They were married on June 2, 1817, with a Benj. Griffin as bondsman. This was in Southampton County.

David Carstarphen's parents were John Carstarphen and Peggy or Margaret Griffin. They were married March 18, 1794 in Southampton County with a Micajah Griffin, surety

John Carstarphen's will was probated in 1799. In his will, he mentioned his sons David and John, wife Margaret, and daughter Margaret. Witness to will were Jacob Turner, John Worrell Jr. and John Worrell. The executors were wife Margaret, Micajah Griffin and Arthur Bowing. This was in Southampton County.

A Margaret or Peggy Carstarphen, presumed John's widow, married a Jacob Turner on Sept. 14, 1801. Southampton County.

John Carstarphen, David's brother, married Elizabeth Dannel on Oct. 16, 1815, Benj. Griffin as bondsman. Southampton County

Margaret or Peggy Carstarphen, David's sister, married Alan Edwards on Dec. 19, 1814. Benj. Griffin listed as guardian for Peggy, Southampton County. I have a letter from a Mary Carstarphen of Williamstown, N.C. that states Peggy C. Edwards granddaughter was Estelle Edwards Garrett, who lived in Dallas, Texas, but I have been unable to locate any descendants of hers.

You had sent me a record of John Carstarphen being mentioned with his wife, as giving an account of the estate of Henry Saunders, recorded Jan. 6, 1774, Isle of Wight

John Carstarphen and Mrs. Martha Saunders (relict) of Henry Saunders, married in 1773, Isle of Wight. Is there any way to find out if this is the same John Carstarphen that married Peggy Griffin in 1794?

In the Census of 1850 of Isle of Wight, Thomas W. Carstarphen, Mary C. Decker's brother and his wife Elizabeth were listed, In Census of 1860 Thomas not listed but Elizabeth Carstarphen listed as living with Moses Atkinson and a daughter M. J. a third initial unknown, Carstarphen, her age was listed as 8. Thomas W. Carstarphen married an Elizabeth Atkins, March 7, 1849, by Joel Whitley, Isle of Wight. Could any later record give information as to the daughter, perhaps a marriage, if 8 in 1860



she may by 18, so from 1870 on.

Mary C Decker's other brother Richard W. was listed as having joined the Confederate Army in Norfolk on March 6, 1862 and was mustered out April 30, 1864. He was in Capt. Thomas Kenvil Co. of Virginia Artillery. His widow was known to be living in Isle of Wight around year 1870 or 1871.

As to the Deeds of land. I have several records which show David Carstarphen either buying or selling land in Isle of Wight, and Southampton County. A cousin got some of this for me while on a vacation, I believe it came from Virginia State Library. After you read what I have, you can judge better than I if looking ~~up~~ more Deeds would be of use. From what I have the land seemed to be on the Black Water branches near an area of Broad River Bridge, Can you tell me where that is?

Here is a list of some of the Deeds I have, in Southampton County  
8-18- 1818 David Carstarphen, Grantee, John Carstarphen and wife, Grantor.  
9-13-1787 John Carstarphen, Grantee, Wm. Mackey, Grantor.  
10- 11- 1787 John Carstarphen Grantee, Carr Dole and wife, Grantor.  
12-10-1795 John Carstarphen Grantor, Wm Raiford and wife, Grantor.

#### Isle of Wight

Aug. 29, 1832 David Carstarphney (spelling) and Sally W Carstarfney (spelling) his wife, to Richard L Thomas, land on Black Water at bridge called Broad Water, adjacent to land of Richard A. Urquhart, Meachum Fean, and William Batten.

Dec. 9, 1832 Indenture between Francis M. Blunt and David Carstarphen of Isle of Wight, sold to David Carstarphen land owned by late James Barlow, 130 acres, bound by land of Isham Jordan, Henry Crocker and Geo. W Correll, it being part where the dwelling and other houses stand, by land of Isham Jordan, James M. Jordan and Wamble Stringfield.

Aug. 11, 1830 Robert T. and Penelope C. Daniel of Southampton County and David Carstarphen sell land in Isle of Wight, 120 acres on broad river bridge and Smithfield road to Metchum Ferry line to Wm. Batlin line.

Aug. 4, 1834 David Carstarphen and Sally, wife, of Isle of Wight to Nancy Turner, 20 acres down Smithfield Road, Isle of Wight

Indenture Sarah Carstarphen from Jos. B. Whitehead, Feb. 27, 1837, 40 acres bounded by lands of Henry Crocker, Isham Jordan and Geo. W. Carrol. This mentioned Sarah a widow, and there must have been a court order pertaining to this land. I believe this is the land that Sarah Carstarphen mentioned in her will of 1847, being left to son Thomas W. Carstarphen. Can you tell me where it is located?

Oct 4, 1786, Henry Saunders from William Carstarphen 420 acres of land on Black Water branches, adjacent to Nathaniel Fleming, Armiger Bailey, James Budges and wife.

Aug. 6, 1649 Henry Saunder and wife to Thomas Cooper an assignment. I mentioned these because of John Carstarphen being mentioned with a will of Henry Saunders.

Mar. 3, 1832 James Carstarphen and wife and John Villiurs to Kena K. Chapman.

June 22, 1835 James Carsta phen 6 acres to Kena K. Chapman. I thought you might know of these transactions because of name Chapman. I don't know how James Carstarphen connected with David. As Carstarphen is such an odd name I believe they all must be connected in some way.

In the marriage book I found a marriage of Wm. Harris and Mary Mackey, April 9, 1788. Surety was John Carr-Staffney, I beleive this could be another spelling of the name Carstarphen



*Duffin*  
A marriage of Micajah and Elizabeth Worrell on Oct. 1, 1789, both Griffin and Worrell mentioned in John Carstarphen's will.

If the name Carstarphen was mentioned around time of Revolution, perhaps one of them was in it and a war record would be made of it.

I hope you can understand what I have written and that it will help. I have a feeling with the different names and deeds I have, we should come up with something.

Now to the Mountford's, I have several spellings of this name, as Mountford, Mountfort, Mountfortt, Mountfortte.

I know Sarah W. Mountford was married to David Carstarphen in 1817. I would like to know what the W. stands for, I'm hoping for Wells, because the W seems to have been handed down, and in my name it is spelled as Wells.

I have a copy of a will of a Thomas Mountford of Southampton County probated March, 1787. In his will, he mentioned wife Sarah, sons Thomas and Wade Mountfortt, and daughter Frances Mountfortt, and a daughter Sujannah (I'm not sure of this spelling as the word is written over) The executors were wife Sarah, brother Wade Mountfortt, Lemuel/Lewis and David Barrow, witness Jos. Mountfortt, Lemuel Lewis, Thomas Camp, and Presley Barrot. If wife Sarah married David Carstarphen in 1817, it would be 30 years after his death which seem unlikely.

In marriage book of Southampton County

Thomas Mountfortt, Jr. and Mary Camp Oct. 25, 1786, Mary Camp, Mother

Wade Mountfort and Sally Joiner, Jan. 3, 1844, Wm Joiner, bondsmen.

Peggy Mountford and Jacob Beal, Oct. 26, 1808, Thomas Mountforte, father and Arthur Beal

Sally Mountfort and Arthur Beal, Oct. 26, 1808, Thomas Mountforte, father, and Jacob Beal

I doubt if Thomas Mountforte, father of Peggy and Sally married in 1808 would have another daughter Sarah to marry in 1817. If Wade Mountford who married in 1844 was Thomas Mountforte Jr. brother, he would be married too late to be Sarah's father. It could be Sarah W. Mountford was daughter of Thomas Mountfort's brother Wade who was mentioned in his will or of Jos. Mountford also name in will.

I have gotten these marriage from Marriage book.

Nov. 30, 1796 Amos Doyell and Sally Mountfort, sur Shadrach Doyle

Jan. 11, 1793 John G. Gibbs and Sarah Mountfort, Sur. Matthew Kemp, perhaps this was Thomas's widow

May 8, 1787 William Maccleny or Mc Clenny and Frances Mountford, dau. of Sarah Mountfort, Sur. Thomas Mountfort, Jr.

Oct. 22, 1786, John Mccleny or McClenny and Mildred Mountfort, dau. of Jos. Mountfort, Sur. Thomas Mountford, Perhaps Jos. had more daughters or a son who could be Sarah W. father.

I also have some deed in the name of Mountford

Isle of Wight

Wade Mountford from Sion Boon Dec. 7, 1795

Wade Mountford Deed of Dec. 7, 1812

William Mountfort and wife to John Whitfield June 2. 1811

Wade Mountford Grantee, Jos. Mountford and wife, Grantor, 6, 11, 1772

Southampton County

Thomas Mountford Grantee, Thomas Landford and wife Grantor, 8, 13, 1772

Thomas Mountford Grantee, Jacob Turner and wife Grantor, 4, 12, 1787

Thomas Mountford and wife Grantor, and Thomas Landford Grantee 4, 11, 1771

Jos. Mountford and wife Grantor, Wade Mountford Grantee, 6, 11, 1772

Wade Mountford and wife Grantor, Jesse Brasey Grantee 12, 16, 1799



This is all I have on this name. I hope you will be able to find Sarah W. Mountford's parents for me.

As you can tell by the date of this letter, I started to write it several months ago. In the first paragraph I asked for Southampton County Will Book I and Isle of Wight Will Book I. Since then I have received your other letter, which has Isle of Wight County Will Book I marked off. Is it not to be printed? In it's place send me whichever book you think will help me most, either Southampton County Will Book II or Elizabeth City County Will Book.

If you are able to gain any more information for me, please do not let your bill go beyond ten dollars at a time, then I know I'll be able to pay you at once. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

*Virginia H. Lane*